

Sinclair Broadcasting, through their outlets such as my local station: KQVR, CBS 13 West Sacramento, CA (916) 374-1313, has made an unscrupulous decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election and this is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. These same airwaves are owned by all of the people, and these large corporations are obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we have to be ever vigilant that these corporations do not have undue control or influence over the public's right to get unbiased information. It is most important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter and attempting to influence an election in such a way is unethical and I believe illegal.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.